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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
VIA: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)
SUBJECT: Briefing Material

1. Mr. Wisner has requested that I send to you the attached briefing material for your use.

2. The attached material is a slight revision of the Draft which I forwarded on 13 February 1951. Two additional sub-paragraphs have been added under paragraph 7, one dealing specifically with [] and the other specifically with []

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THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE (PROPAGANDA)

1. Under NSC Directive 10/2, dated 18 June 1948, CIA is authorized and directed to engage in covert Psychological Warfare. This authority is contained in the definition and discussion of "Covert Operations", which states, in part . . . "Covert operations" are understood to be all activities against hostile foreign states which are so planned and executed that any US Government responsibility for them is not evident to unauthorized persons and that if uncovered the US Government can plausibly disclaim any responsibility for them. Specifically, such operations include any covert activities related to: propaganda; economic warfare; sabotage and anti-sabotage; demolition, evacuation measures; subversion against hostile states, including assistance to underground resistance movement, guerrillas and refugee liberation groups, and support of indigenous anti-communist elements in threatened countries of the free world.

4. CIA receives its policy guidance in Psychological Warfare matters from three sources.

a. NSC Directives.

b. The National Psychological Strategy Board on which Department of State, Department of Defense, NSRB, CIA, ECA, and others are represented.

c. The consultants provided for CIA under the provisions of NSC Directive 10/2 and an arrangement of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. These consultants, all outstanding men, are

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